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Examiner: Yam, S.

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October 29, 2003

Date: September 12, 2005

Title:

IMAGE READING DEVICE AND IMAGE READING METHOD

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

□ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number 13 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ previously paid for 20 (at least 20) =

Independent claims after amendment 3 minus highest number

previously paid for x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ (at least 3) =

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add

\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this

paper and attachment(s)

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)

Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)

Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253)

Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254)

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

\$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814)

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\$40.00 (8021) \$ Assignment Recording Fee

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firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2005 holding the subject matter of claims 1-7 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 8-13, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 1-7 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

By:

Respectfully submitted,

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